

Hello, I am Wayne Hopkins. I work at O.F. Mossberg in North Haven, CT. I have been working there for 13 yrs and enjoy my job. We employ approximately 200 people in CT and have steady workforce gains. The legislation in both Federal and State legislatures stands to have a significant impact on Mossberg and the many support jobs at vendors.

Criminals do not follow laws, that is why they are called criminals. New laws are only practiced by the law abiding citizenry. How is denying CT residents the ability to protect themselves going to save lives? In the 20 minutes during a home invasion for the police to enter your home, who is going to protect our children?

It takes a really special kind of mental illness to look your mother and small children in the face and then commit a heinous act. Do you think it is the tool that made the deranged psychopath commit his act or the illness? Do cars really cause drunk driving?

Please be sensible. Some of the areas that make sense are: universal background checks, committing sociopaths, sharing severe mental health issues with NICS, requiring denial of access to firearms in homes with mental issue residents, prosecution of existing gun laws.

Let's not get rid of a class of firearm because of the way they look. There are many competitions in CT that involve the AR style rifle. 3-Gun, Multi-Gun, Service rifle, etc. All of these sports bring commerce and jobs into CT.

As a handicapped person with a fused wrist on my dominant arm, I need a pistol grip on a long gun to continue my shooting sports. I am not able to grip a traditional rifle stock because my wrist does not bend. Denying me and other handicapped persons, our long established hobby and physical activity will cause court challenges.

An eleven round or more magazine may sound perverse to you, but what if you had to defend yourself against more than one armed burglar? Being under armed and unable to defend can get your family killed.

There is also talk of seizing magazines over ten rounds. Please remember that our fifth amendment protects against confiscation without compensation.

Thank you

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